

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Previously presented) A method for a cell phone service provider to communicate to a cell phone user, said user located in a particular local geographical area, an alert message that affects that particular local geographical area, said method comprising the steps of:

receiving said alert message from a reporting agency, said message containing information as to locations affected;

determining that the user is located in said geographical area;

providing to the user at least one communication advising him of the alert message;

identifying a destination in the at least one communication; and,

communicating to the user directions from his present location to said destination.

2. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1 wherein the reporting agency is selected from the group consisting of National Weather Service, National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration, Amber Alert Systems, State Police, Fire Department, local government agency, and local police.

3. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein said communication is selected from the group consisting of displaying information, triggering an audio alert, and supplying a voice message.

4. (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising the step of: permitting the user to limit said providing step based upon subject content of the message.

5. (Currently amended) A method for a cell phone service provider to communicate to a cell phone user, said user located in a particular local geographical area, an alert message regarding a first condition that affects that particular local geographical area, said method comprising the steps of:

receiving said alert message from a reporting agency, said message containing information as to locations affected;

determining that the cell phone of the user is located in said geographical area;

providing to the cell phone of the user at least one communication advising ~~him~~ the user of the alert message; and

permitting the user to limit the frequency at which said communications are provided to him.

Claim 6 (Cancelled).

7. (Previously presented) A method for a cell phone service provider to communicate to a cell phone user who is a member of a class of recipients, said user

located in a particular local geographical area, an alert message that affects that particular local geographical area, said method comprising the steps of:

receiving said alert message from a reporting agency, said message containing information as to locations affected;

determining that the user is located in said geographical area and that the user is a member of a class intended to receive said alert;

providing to the user at least one communication advising him of the alert message;

defining the location of a destination contained in the message; and,

communicating to the user directions from his present location to said destination.

8. (Previously presented) A system for communicating from a cell phone service provider to a cell phone user, said user located in a particular local geographical area, an alert message that affects that particular local geographical area, said system comprising:

means for receiving said alert message from a reporting agency, said message containing information as to locations affected;

a determining means for determining the user is located in said geographical area;

means for providing to the user at least one communication advising him of the alert message;

means for identifying a destination; and,

means for communicating to the user directions from his present location to said destination.

9. (Previously presented) The system of claim 8 wherein the reporting agency is selected from the group consisting of National Weather Service, National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration, Amber Alert Systems, State Police, Fire Department, local government agency, and local police.

10. (Original) The system of claim 8 wherein said communication is selected from the group consisting of displaying information, triggering an audio alert, and supplying a voice message.

11. (Original) The system of claim 8 further comprising: means for permitting the user to limit said providing means based upon subject content of the message.

12. (Currently amended) A system for communicating from a cell phone service provider to a cell phone user, said user located in a particular local geographical area, an alert message regarding a first condition that affects that particular local geographical area, said system comprising:

means for receiving said alert message from a reporting agency, said message containing information as to locations affected;

a determining means for determining the cell phone of the user is located in said geographical area;

means for providing to the cell phone of the user at least one communication advising him the user of the alert message; and

means for permitting the user to limit the frequency at which said communications are provided to him.

Claim 13 (Cancelled).

14. (Previously presented) A system for communicating from a cell phone service provider to a cell phone user who is a member of a class of recipients, said user located in a particular local geographical area, an alert message that affects that particular local geographical area, said system comprising:

means for receiving said alert message from a reporting agency, said message containing information as to locations affected;

a first determining means for determining the user is located in said geographical area;

a second determining means for determining that the user is a member of a class intended to receive said alert;

means for providing to the user at least one communication advising him of the alert message;

means for defining the location of a destination contained in the message; and,

means for communicating to the user directions from his present location to said destination.

15. (New) The method of claim 5 wherein permitting the user to limit the frequency at which said communications are provided to him comprises permitting the user to limit the frequency at which updates regarding the first condition are provided to him while allowing the cell phone of the user to receive an alert message regarding a second condition different than the first condition when updates regarding the first condition are being limited.

16. (New) The method of claim 5, further including:
identifying a destination in the at least one communication; and,
communicating to the user directions from his present location to said destination.

17. (New) The method of claim 12, wherein
means for permitting the user to limit the frequency at which said communications are provided to him comprises limiting the frequency at which updates regarding the first condition are provided to the cell phone of the user while allowing the cell phone of the user to receive an alert message regarding a second condition different than the first condition when updates regarding the first condition are being limited.